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Hot Weather Dries Cropland

Agricultural Summary

Idaho Winter wheat and mint harvest are underway as cherry harvest nears completion. Temperatures statewide ranged from 85 to 106 degree highs and 40 to 63 degree lows. Reporting weather stations recorded temperatures from 2 to 10 degrees above average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Lincoln County range is rapidly drying as are non-irrigated pastures, according to the Lincoln County Extension Educator. No problems were reported for Idaho livestock.

Field Crop Report

According to County Extension Educators, rain early in the week helped Caribou County dryland crops, though irrigation remains the main activity. Power County Potato growers are applying preventative fungicide spray for late blight. Field corn is just starting to tassel, and farmers are beginning to shut off water in winter wheat. In Bonneville County, high temperatures are stressing crops. Irrigators are having a difficult time keeping up with crop demand for moisture. Sweet cherry harvest continues statewide with an estimated 85% of the sweet cherry harvest completed by the end of last week. Vole populations in Lincoln County are increasing and damaging crops.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was 4 percent very short, 19 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers averaged 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Condition

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	5	12	65	18
Spring Wheat	1	2	13	73	11
Barley	--	3	11	72	14
Potato	--	--	9	69	22
Irr. Water Supply	--	1	2	39	58
Range and Pasture	1	2	19	53	25

Grain Growth Stage

	Jointed	Booted
Winter Wheat	100	100
Spring Wheat	100	100
Barley	100	93

Crop Progress

Percentages	2006	2005	Average
Winter Wheat Turning Color	77	56	67
Spring Wheat Turning Color	20	15	22
Barley Turning Color	16	27	31
Potatoes 12" high	95	86	95
Potatoes Closing Middles	73	53	70
Mint-1 st Cutting Harvested	20	9	9

Crop Progress by District

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Headed.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Harvested.....	2	1	2	17	3	6	2	3	1	--	--	--	2	1	2
Spring Wheat															
Headed.....	96	95	88	100	100	100	98	98	99	76	76	84	85	85	88
Barley															
Headed.....	88	97	87	75	100	100	88	93	97	60	64	81	70	76	86
Alfalfa Hay															
1 st Cutting Harvested..	92	100	93	100	100	100	100	97	100	97	94	96	98	97	98
2 nd Cutting Harvested..	13	--	3	74	53	80	61	52	67	13	11	10	39	30	40

Avg (2001 - 2005); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, July 17, 2006 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature 2/				Growing Degree Days 4/			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept 3/	40° Base	50° Base		Total 5/	Dept 3/	Month of July	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D' Alene	90	48	69	3	1969	983	770	0.03	-0.21	0.03	3.22	9.47
Grangeville	85	54	69	5	1712	814	542	0.00	-0.40	0.19	11.86	12.76
Lewiston	97	57	77	4	2656	1478	1158	0.00	-0.17	0.21	6.72	5.59
Sand Point	--	--	--	--	1817	883	597	0.00	-0.41	0.01	10.84	11.34
Southwest												
Boise	102	60	81	8	2691	1578	1105	0.00	-0.08	0.27	7.41	4.91
Caldwell	99	57	79	4	2626	1477	1319	0.00	-0.09	0.09	3.40	4.32
Emmett	100	57	77	5	2434	1348	1098	0.00	-0.07	0.02	6.61	5.07
Mountain Home	106	63	83	10	2800	1653	1090	0.14	0.08	0.16	5.09	3.66
Parma	101	59	--	--	2516	1423	1076	0.00	-0.08	0.00	3.18	4.35
Weiser	102	59	80	7	2672	1561	1141	0.00	-0.08	0.00	3.14	4.41
South-Central												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Burley	95	51	72	2	2013	1053	888	0.00	-0.07	0.03	5.72	4.34
Hill City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Malta	99	52	73	5	2060	1057	759	0.00	-0.15	0.68	4.74	4.58
Twin Falls	95	52	75	6	2179	1177	767	0.01	-0.05	0.60	6.29	4.54
East												
Aberdeen	95	40	--	--	1895	988	661	0.30	0.18	0.30	5.42	3.83
Grace	97	45	71	5	1731	880	551	0.22	-0.01	0.27	6.71	6.87
Idaho Falls	96	46	70	3	1790	896	694	0.00	-0.16	0.14	6.30	4.84
Malad City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pocatello	101	48	73	4	1979	1043	781	0.00	-0.14	0.01	5.44	5.22
Rexburg	94	47	69	3	1782	911	625	0.43	0.21	0.56	6.72	6.19
Salmon	100	46	72	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center, the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated.

2/ -- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received; no estimates were made for missing data.